



Northern New England Chapter of the
American Planning Association

NNECAPA '04

Montpelier, Vermont
September 9 – 10, 2004



FEATURING:

Yale University Professor of Architecture & American Studies and Author, **Dolores Hayden**

Author of *End of Nature*, **Bill McKibben**

U.S. Ambassador & Former Vermont Governor, **Madeleine Kunin**

APA Executive Director, **Paul Farmer**

Discussion on *15 Years After Adoption of Growth Management Laws*

Conference Agenda

THURSDAY, September 9

8:00 a.m. **Conference Registration/Continental Breakfast**

9:00 a.m. **Welcome**—David White, NNECAPA President, Deb Sachs, VPA President
and Montpelier Mayor Mary Hooper

9:30 a.m. **Dolores Hayden**—*Past, Present and Future of Sprawl*

10:45 a.m. ~ Noon **CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

Demographic Trends and Predictions in Northern New England — What are the statewide trends and the practical implications of this information for schools, housing, transportation and social services? We will brainstorm design solutions you can take home with you. *Fred Schmidt, Director, Center for Rural Studies, University of Vermont; Cynthia Mildred Duncan, Director, Carsey Institute, University of New Hampshire; Mark Lapping, Professor of Planning and Public Policy, University of Southern Maine.*

Wind Tower Siting — Wind energy offers an indigenous, sustainable source of renewable energy that could reduce northern New England's dependence on imported fossil fuels. But because it is such a place-based resource, wind farm proposals have pitted supporters of renewable energy against those who believe wind towers are a blight on the landscape. Join panelists representing varied perspectives in a discussion of these issues. *David Blittersdorf, President of NRG Systems Inc. and past President of the American Wind Energy Association; Andrew Perchlik, Director of Renewable Energy Vermont; and Jean Vissering, Landscape Architect, consultant and expert witness on wind siting issues.*

Stormwater — Watershed and Disaster Mitigation Planning — Explore how various aspects of stormwater management and planning can be tied together on a watershed-scale. Successes in reducing the impacts of development, agriculture, and forestry upon water quality and flooding will be presented. *Barry Cahoon, Vermont Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Water Quality Division; Bob Kort, U.S. Natural Resource Conservation Service, Winooski, Vermont (invited).*

Mobile Workshop: Stonecutter's Way - The City of Montpelier began an effort in the early 1990s to turn an aged rail yard along its river front into a thriving, vibrant gateway to its downtown. The area now hosts a bike path, a new street, new parking, and new commercial development. What worked and what didn't work? What lessons can be learned? *Valerie Capels, Montpelier Planning Director.*

NOON **Lunch** (on your own in downtown Montpelier)

1:15 p.m. ~ 2:30 p.m.

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Future Trends in Housing — Review some of the emerging national trends in the housing market. Smart growth, downtown revitalization, work force housing and the effect of an aging population will be examined. (Speakers TBA)

Gorilla in the Closet: The “Love-Hate” Relationship Between Communities and their Dominating Land Uses - Many communities have a dominating land use having a significant impact on other development activity such as a hospital or university, a ski resort or National Park, or a major manufacturer or retailer. Speakers will offer insights on working with dominating land uses to achieve mutual goals. *Donna Larson, AICP, Town Planner in Freeport, ME (home of LL Bean); Sandra U. Hoeh, Director of Community Relations, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH; Mark Delaney, Smugglers’ Notch Resort, Jeffersonville, VT (invited).*

Community Implementation Strategies to Protect Wildlife Habitat — This session will explore regulatory and non-regulatory tools used by towns, regions and states to protect wildlife habitat in planning for land use and management of publicly owned lands. *John Austin, Wildlife Biologist for the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources’ Department of Fish and Wildlife; Ken Elowe, Director of Maine’s Wildlife Division (invited); and Steve Weber, Director of New Hampshire’s Wildlife Division (invited).*

<p><u>Mobile Workshop: Barre Granite Museum</u> (1:15–4:00 p.m.) - This tour will start out in an authentic turn-of-the-century restored granite shed being developed into the Vermont Granite Museum. We will proceed to the world famous Hope Cemetery for a guided tour of the vast array of memorials, masterfully carved, they are alternately classical, unique, beautiful, and some even humorous. <i>Tess Taylor, Director for the Vermont Granite Museum.</i></p>

2:45 p.m. ~ 4:00 p.m.

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Market Trends: Who’s Buying What & Why? — A commercial developer and a preservationist discuss their views of the demographic changes that affect the market trends and the likely future trends for Northern New England retailing. Topics will include the impacts of “big box” stores, current trends for downtown revitalization and Northern New England tourism markets. *Jeff Davis, J. L. Davis Realty; Paul Bruhn, Preservation Trust of Vermont.*

From the Bench — A rare and special opportunity to hear collectively about recent land use law court cases in Northern New England. Three prominent judges contributing to such decisions will update conference participants and answer questions. *The Honorable Kathleen A. McGuire, New Hampshire Superior Court; the Honorable Merideth Wright, Vermont Environment Court Justice; the Honorable G. Arthur Brennan, Maine Superior Court Justice; Herbert Durfee, III, Community Development Director, Town of Essex, Vermont (moderator).*

2004 AICP Exam Preparation – Questions and answer session for those considering taking the exam. Please join an open-ended discussion and review of the 2004 AICP exam and AICP membership with *NNECAPA Professional Development Officer Jack Munn* and other planners who recently took the exam.

Mobile Workshop: Montpelier's Natural Areas Walking Tour— For a densely-developed urbanized area, Montpelier has a surprising quantity and collection of natural areas. The Montpelier Conservation Commission, Planning Commission, and the Parks Department have been working on a variety of initiatives to identify, promote, and protect them. Participants will walk up to the Hubbard Park tower from the Statehouse to discover these areas. (*Walking Tour Leader, TBA*).

4:00 p.m. **State Association Meetings**

4:30—6:00 **Reception, Entertainment, Awards**
(Cedar Creek Room and House Chambers at Vermont Statehouse)

FRIDAY, September 10

7:30 a.m. **NNECAPA Meeting/Breakfast**

8:50 a.m. **Bill McKibben— *What the Future Holds***

9:45 a.m. ~ 11:00 a.m. **CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

Regional Energy Planning — Aiming for Sustainability: Local and regional policies can have a positive impact on jobs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air and water pollutants. Explore the broad perspective of regional energy planning including issues facing New England's power and infrastructure, and examples of how communities can foster energy efficiency, conservation and development of renewable energy technologies. (*Moderator, Debra Sachs, Director, Alliance for Climate Action*), *Michael Dworkin, Chairman, Vermont Public Service Board, Patty Richards, Director of Resource Planning, Burlington Electric Department; Greg Watson, Vice President, Sustainable Development & Renewable Energy.*

Private Sector Perspectives on Mixed Use — This session will identify some of the obstacles to gaining compatibility of uses in dense centers, how to design projects to overcome those problems, and how to recognize when and where uses will not mix. *Lisa Ventriss, Vermont Business Roundtable (moderator); David G. White of David G. White & Associates, Inc, Burlington, Vermont; Eric Chinburg and Jennifer Quinlan of Chinburg Builders, Durham, New Hampshire.*

Retaining Farm and Forest Land — The working landscape plays a tremendous role in the economic, social and cultural heritage of Northern New England. Hear about latest issues and approaches for conserving farm and forest land. *Jamie Ervin, Nature Conservancy; Shanna Ratner, Yellowwood Associates; and George Gay, Northern Forest Alliance.*

Mobile Workshop: Roundabouts & Regional Bike Paths — Walk over to Vermont's first roundabout in Montpelier, and hear how the roundabout worked when it was installed, and how it works now after some fine-tuning. Then move on to learn how the State and Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission are developing several regional trails, highlighting the coordination (or lack of) between the numerous municipalities involved. *Tom McCardle, Montpelier Assistant Public Works Director; Steve Gladczuk, Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission Transportation Planner; Jim Donovan, Landscape Architect, Wilbur Smith Associates; Eric Sharnberg, Vermont Agency of Transportation Cross Vermont Trail Coordinator*

11:15 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

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Progress in Rail Planning — Examples of passenger rail projects in Northern New England will be presented including the Boston to Montreal High Speed Rail Study, Amtrak's Downeaster from Boston to Portland, and others. Issues such as needed infrastructure, public and political support, and financing will be discussed. *John Englert, Executive Director, Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority; Tina Bohl, Vt. Agency of Transportation, Operations Division, Rail Division; Scott Bascomb, Vt. Agency of Transportation, Division of Policy and Planning.*

"Where's the Beef?": Designing for Active Living — Obesity is a growing public health crisis of national proportions, causing public health professionals to look closely at how our communities and buildings are designed. Explore the scope, consequences, and causes of this epidemic and see steps that some communities are taking to encourage healthier lifestyles through community planning and design. *Sarah Judd, HEALTHY Neighborhoods/ HEALTHY Kids Project, Burlington, VT; Anne Lusk, Ph.D, Visiting Scientist at the Harvard School of Public Health, Cambridge, MA; Lynn Zanardi Belvins, MD, VT Dept of Health, Burlington, VT (invited).*

Mobile Workshop: State House History and Restoration Tour — Designed by Thomas Silloway and built in 1859 to replace an earlier version that burned, Vermont's State House contains the oldest legislative chambers in the country still in use and retaining the original design. A surprisingly small building that nevertheless aspired to monumental effects and Renaissance-inspired architecture. *Led by David Schutz, Curator of State Buildings.*

Stormwater Management — Implementing Urban Area Requirements — Explore the challenges of regulating non-point source urban run-off and implementing the new EPA rules and standards through the state agencies. The reality of implementing the EPA rules at the state and local levels, and the challenges of accommodating new development while attempting to improve water quality in the receiving waters will be discussed. *Juli Beth Hoover, Director of Planning and Zoning, City of South Burlington, Vermont; Mike Winslow, Scientist with the Lake Champlain Committee.*

12:30 **Plenary Luncheon—Madeleine Kunin**

1:45 **Paul Farmer—*Political Climate for Planning***

2:15 **Closing Discussion—*15 Years After Adoption of Growth Management Laws.***

3:30 **Closing**

Conference Site



Located in a picturesque valley along the Winooski River in Central Vermont, **Montpelier's** intimate size and historic neighborhoods make it a great city to visit. While best known as Vermont's capital city, and the nation's smallest state capital (population around 8,000), Montpelier offers conference participants a lively downtown and convenient access to the wealth of natural and cultural attractions available in Vermont. For more information about Montpelier go to: www.montpelier-vt.org

The NNECAPA '04 Conference will be held at the **Capitol Plaza Hotel**, conveniently located in downtown Montpelier where you can easily walk to a variety of locally owned shops, antique stores and a multitude of restaurants. The Vermont Statehouse where the NNECAPA reception will take place is no more than a five-minute walk from the hotel. For more about the hotel and conference facilities see: www.capitolplaza.com



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Accommodations:

A bank of up to 30 rooms for Wednesday and Thursday night have been reserved until 23 August. You should contact the Capitol Plaza, Montpelier directly to make a reservation at 802-223-5252 or email: info@capitolplaza.com.

BOOK EARLY! – Fall is a busy time!

Registration Information:

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Mobile Workshops

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Stonecutter's Way (riverfront redevelopment)	
Barre Granite Museum (Granite Museum and cemetery monuments)	
Montpelier's Natural Area Walking Tours	
Roundabouts & Regional Bike Paths	
Statehouse History & Renovations	
Group Bike Ride (please note preference on terrain to help us decide route: dirt road, pavement, path ...easy to challenging terrain?)	

Fee Schedule

Qty	Event	Fee
	Early Member Registration (on or before August 13)	\$100
	Late Member Registration (after August 13)	\$125
	Non-NNECAPA or VPA Member*	\$125
	Student (with ID)	\$35
	Citizen Planning Commissioner	\$50
	Single-Day Registration:	
	--Thursday (including reception)	\$50
	-- Friday (including lunch)	\$50
	Special Events:	
	Additional Reception Tickets (Thurs. evening)	\$15
	Total Enclosed:	

Make your check payable to the:

Vermont Planners Association

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Vermont League of Cities & Towns
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